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HERSETH: PORT SECURITY NEEDS MORE OVERSIGHT

Cosponsors Bill To Ensure Adequate Scrutiny of Port Deals

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DP World is a terminal operating firm operated by the government of the United Arab Emirates.

Herseth said, "It is unthinkable that this acquisition would be approved without thorough oversight."

The bill would require the investigation to include:

- A review of U.S. Coast Guard assessments of foreign ports where DP World operates;
- Background checks of DP World officers and security personnel;
- An evaluation of the impact on port security by DP World's control of U.S. ports;
- Consultation with the U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

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